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SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS

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1. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH GOB FOR SOME MONTHS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL (MANAMA REFTEL AND PREVIOUS). TO RECAP, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER WITH CIVAIR RESPONSIBILITIES (DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY) BOTH AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT BAHRAIN SHOULD ADHERE TO TOKYO, MONTREAL AND HAGUE CONVENTIONS. MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT WISHED TO STUDY SUBJECT AND CONFER WITH OTHER GULF STATES WITH WHICH BAHRAIN SHARES OWNERSHIP OF GULF AIR.

2. ON RECEIPT STATE REFTEL, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND THEY AGREED THAT, SINCE UK HAD NOT RAISED ISSUE WITH GOB IN RECENT PAST, AMBASSADOR WOULD AGAIN RAISE WITH FONMIN AND DEPENDING ON OUTCOME COORDINATE FUTURE APPROACHES WITH BRITISH COLLEAGUE.

3. AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION WITH FONMIN APRIL 17. FONMIN SAID HE IS WAITING FOR MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATION, WHICH HE EXPECTED TO BE POSITIVE. MINISTER OF
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DEVELOPMENT OUT OF BAHRAIN UNTIL APRIL 24; AMBASSADOR AND BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAVE AGREED THEY WILL RAISE QUESTION WITH HIM SOON AFTER HIS RETURN.
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